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INTER OFFICE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Minutes of the 39th meeting held on 2 October 1957 at 1000 hours in room 2701 Barton Hall.

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█████ O/SI - Secretary

1. Minutes of the 38th meeting (7 August) were approved as issued.

2. The recent NSC action on NSC-169 was reported to the Committee as follows. The Board Assistants had recommended an NSC paper which would remove the requirement of NSC-169 for periodic progress reporting to the NSC, instruct OCB to coordinate the development of programs regarding the international broadcasting aspects of NSC-169, and instruct ODM to develop programs in consultation with the Department of Defense and other agencies, as appropriate, regarding all other aspects of NSC-169. This paper is on the NSC agenda today (2 October). If approved, its only apparent effect will be to eliminate the need for preparation of periodic progress reports, since any change in policy of NSC-169 will require reference to the Council.

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3. The RSB/SR has about completed its report on the NSA proposal to collocate its operations with NSA at Ft. Meade, based upon the observations of ███████ during his temporary duty with NSA from March to July. It will recommend that the RSB/SR stay in CIA. The proposed advantage of access to an IBM #705 Computer seems unlikely to be useful in actuality in view of the heavy demand for its time by various parts of NSA. Moreover, there is no provision in their system to segregate information of different

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classifications. The ready exchange of information, which might be assumed to result from collocation, can be attained by improved working level liaison, according to the RSB report. The Chairman suggested that O/CI attempt to determine whether an evaluation of the proposed collocation is being made by NSA as the result of ███████ visit. ███████ indicated his intention to furnish copies of the report to the Committee for consideration.

4. ███████ requested the Committee's opinion as to whether their IBM tabulation of frequency usage, based on unclassified sources, could be issued on an "Official Use Only" basis. The Committee agreed.

5. ███████ reported that the plan for having Census punch the IBM cards for processing of information for the B.E.S. had bogged down in the past month, causing a delay of nearly a month beyond the original estimate. The solution being considered is to have at least part of the punching done in the Agency typing pool using tape perforators which can subsequently be used to punch cards automatically.

6. ███████ reported on non-technical embassy monitoring. All five embassies have agreed to participate, and monitoring has been done during September. A technician had briefed the embassy coordinator of the program in the case of ███████ ███████ It was pointed out that this program is being implemented as the result of CIA-State joint action and is not dependent on the paper recently approved by the USCIB. The program envisaged in the latter, wherever and whenever established, will fit in with the non-technical monitoring program. When this occurs, our problem will be mainly one of allocation of the technician's time to EMW matters. It was agreed that an evaluation of the non-technical monitoring will be in order after it has been in operation for several months.

7. ███████ reported on the status of Project ███████ noting that an interim report had already been circulated. He had found it necessary to advise the Air Force as to the operation since they had come to the Agency with a proposal to instigate just this type of project. The Chairman requested that a working group prepare an evaluation of the project as soon after 1 November as practical, covering the technical, operational, and intelligence aspects, and including the interests of other organizations. The working group will consist of:

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███████ advises ███████ should represent O/CI for this purpose.

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8. In regard to the USSR-US technical exchange, it was pointed out that so far the initiative on exchanges has been held by the USSR; that the Soviet groups and their activities in the USA covered a wide range of electronics areas. In contrast with three or four Soviet delegations visiting the USA this year, we had only one electronics group visiting the USSR, consisting of four men hastily assembled and processed and virtually uninstructed in our intelligence needs. The Committee feels that we are on the losing side in technical exchanges with the Soviets and that, in order to bring the exchanges to a more appropriate balance, we must take a more positive lead in initiating new exchanges. It was felt that more of the US groups should be sent to the USSR, that these groups should be organized to cover more thoroughly the whole range of research, development, production and operational aspects, and that these groups should be properly briefed on our interests and needs. More specifically, it was felt that the specialized needs of IOTAC should secure proper considerations and priorities in the future plans for exchanges.

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9. There have been 22 reports published by NSA in █████ series, but most of the Committee Members have not seen them. It is not apparent that the acquisition of these publications pose

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10. The report of the Schramm meeting was noted. ████████ felt that there was a positive approach this year. The Chairman recommended that the B.E.S. review the report (and the recommendations when available) and promote any recommendations which it felt were of value to its operations.

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11. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 6 November.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary